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Despite sparks generated by international friction, U.N. work for world peace goes steadily on. Newspaper readers and radio listeners are confronted by East-West disagreements over Korean peace conference; belligerent statements of Italy and Yugoslavia over proposals for the settlement of Trieste problem; sudden outburst over slaying of Arabs from across border of Israel; highly provocative discussions on Morocco and Tunisia; not to mention conflict of aims and policies between East and West.

Today I had glimpse of Dag Hammarskjold on top floor of United Nations. The night before, the Secretary-General of United Nations posed a problem which we should sink our teeth into. At dinner in his honor at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel given by Foreign Policy Association he stated that no diplomat could depart too far from what was acceptable to public opinion, but also stated that neither should diplomats anticipate reactions of public. The Secretary-General called for leadership among diplomats of world in this complicated ever-changing struggle for peace in order that an educated public opinion might become as accustomed to the need for international give-and-take with compromise and negotiation in international politics as people are accustomed to give-and-take on questions of local and domestic concern. Here is one essential function which also might be undertaken by the churches. In fact, it is one function which we are performing but which needs be done more widely and effectively. To the Board of World Peace this is a *continuing* function.

Achievement of world peace does not mean eradication-but peaceful resolution of problems, differences, disputes. It means application of pacific methods which are embodied in Charter, and patience of public during proclamation, exploration, discussion, and peaceful methods initiated by United Nations or nations themselves for solution of issues involved. The work of world peace goes on steadily at United Nations today. I listened to terrific indictment of France on Tunisian issue spelled out by a delegate of Lebanon. Such presentation *does* make sparks fly. I met and talked briefly with Anglican preacher Michael Scott, consecrated leader of racial equality, concerning race relations in South Africa. Open discussion on this point also makes sparks fly. But processes of fact finding, reports of United Nations Observers, discussion, consultation between member nations involved and new proposals for peaceful solutions these issues describe process going on every day at the United Nations.

Just after I had caught glimpse of Secretary-General Hammarskjold, Gen. Bennike, Chief of Palestine United Nations Observation Team, came in, United Nations car having met him at airport. Immediately top officials were prepared to receive observer's report and consult on peaceful proposals on Palestine-Arab border situation. Gen. Bennike's first press report indicated his judgment there would be no big war in Palestine. A pacific solution to the problem is possible, although difficult.

Earlier in day, some 25 non-governmental representatives, of which I am one, listened to very favorable report from a leader in U.N. Technical Assistance program. Report of contributions from nations made to "expanded program of Technical Assistance" was very encouraging. Budget for United Nations Technical Assistance was approved en toto although statements were made that administrative costs were too high. U.N. officials say this may be true but that until certain amount of experience is available they are confronted by a problem: A certain number of administration personnel is needed for each person in field even as an air force needs so many men on ground in order to keep one plane in air. Two resolutions on Technical Assistance placed before General Assembly passed *unanimously* without *abstentions.* (I believe this was the first time this ever happened.)

So -- we conclude public opinion must be developed to recognize conflicts as symptoms in our dynamic, changing international life -- differences of economic and political interest, disputes, at times belligerent language, yet -- hold patiently, steadily to task of substitution pacific methods for dealing with these issues in place resort to methods of war. Even though we go on for hundred or thousand years with continuation of variety of disputes arising in United Nations, pacific methods still preferable to resort by nations, or blocs of nations, or a divided world to war with atomic and hydrogen weapons. As both diplomats and peoples around world gain confidence in man's ability to grasp problems and successfully apply peaceful methods arriving at compromise actions through negotiation, so will man with confidence abolish war, abandon armaments races, and use his powers con-

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CLEVELAND

The Churches and World Order

A National Study Conference under this title has just been held in Cleveland October 27–30. The Methodist Church was well represented by approximately sixty official delegates. Five Commissions have spent months drafting important papers for use in the study groups. These Commissions reported their findings to the Cleveland Conference under the following titles: (1) The Christian Faith and International Responsibility, (2) The United States and the United Nations, (3) The United States and Foreign Economic Policy, (4) The United States and the Underdeveloped Areas, (5) Collective Security. The effects of this Conference will be felt far beyond the approximately 600 official delegates representing some thirty different denominations who participated in the studies and the findings.

Assistant Secretary Morton made one of the major addresses representing the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. The findings of the Conference will be shared with members of the Department of State and other Departments for which these materials are relevant. The official policies of the National Council and denominational bodies no doubt will reflect the results of the Conference. But whatever of significance develops at Cleveland should be felt in the life of the Protestant churches generally. This will result in part from newspaper publication and the succeeding reports in religious journals and magazines.

It should go deeper. The findings of the Cleveland Conference which will appear in printed form sometime in January, together with a study guide, should be used throughout Protestantism. This will be done only if our conference boards and committees on world peace, district secretaries where these have been named, local church peace committees, and the churches themselves prepare now for study groups, forums, seminars, and workshops to be held during the early months of 1954. Why not start yours in February? The findings and study guides will be available at low cost from the Board of World Peace, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11.

In the unity of many denominations there will be increased moral and spiritual strength and greater effectiveness at the point where great decisions are being made.

UNITED NATIONS FESTIVAL

Festival with International Flavor

The first person to respond to our invitation to ser us news about world peace work on the local church community level was the Reverend Anton Beza of Pitt town, New York, in the Troy Conference.

On October 1 and 2 the Pittstown Methodist Churc held a two-day festival which brought together group from twelve nations, three races, and three faiths.

On Thursday evening a baked ham supper was serve in the church hall by waiters and waitresses dressed i colorful costumes of other countries. Music from variou parts of the world was played during the dinner hou Persons present were able to buy novelties in near booths.

On Friday evening the emphasis was upon music an folk dancing: English songs by ten youth from the Hoo sac School for Boys, an Irish ditty by Silas Reed, th Polish national anthem by Mrs. Caroline Bachorz of Hoo sick Falls, two songs of Israel ("May the Prophet Elija Chorus from Hoosick Falls. Russian, Swiss, German and Scandinavian folk dances by a Syracuse team, Spanish love song by Maryanna Reed of Pittstown several Negro spirituals by the A.M.E. Zion Church o Troy, and the Czechoslovakian national anthem by th Reverend Anton Beza.

The program proved very popular, for persons crowd ed the hall and there was standing room only.

CHURCHMEN'S WASHINGTON SEMINAR 1954

Come February 23–26, 300 participants from eleve cooperating denominations and from the United Church men and United Churchwomen arrive in Washington t begin a Seminar sponsored by the Washington office o the National Council of Churches. The National Counci will be assisted by appropriate organizations of eleve denominations. In The Methodist Church, the Board o World Peace, the Woman's Division of Christian Servic Department of Christian Social Relations, and the Boar of Social and Economic Relations will be cooperating Registrations are to be sent through the Rev. Charles F Boss, Jr., Board of World Peace, 740 Rush Street, Chi cago 11, Illinois.

The Seminar provides opportunities for direct co tact with government official personnel and for visits t Departments such as State, Commerce, Justice, etc. Ther will be addresses by government leaders and by selecte speakers, including outstanding newspaper analysts, o domestic and foreign policy. There will also be discus sions and workshops. The Seminar will be held from th beginning of registration on Tuesday through Friday af ernoon when denominational meetings will be held to fo mulate effective follow-up programs.

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structively and creatively for better world and a peaceful culture.

It is not absence of conflicting interests but the methods used for their solution which makes difference between war and peace. At United Nations it is inspiring sight to see at times some 200 or more staff workers o all races and from more than sixty nations together eating around tables in friendship and peace. What can be observed among secretariat is forerunner of what some da will be seen around world. U.N. (not perfect) *is* ou best hope for peace.

Charles F. Boss, Jr.

A LETTER FROM M.C.O.R.

Dear Charles:

I have just received your new bulletin, METHODIST PEACE COURIER. It is excellent and I congratulate you most heartily upon this presentation. It is full of interesting facts and programs which I am sure will be helpful and inspiring to Methodists.

I also want to thank you for the emphasis which you are placing both upon overseas relief and our responsibility for the refugees in the world. You will be pleased to know that MCOR voted at its recent meeting to assist 5,000 refugees to resettle in this country under the new Refugee Relief Act of 1953. You can help us a lot by keeping this important program before the people of our Church. We need two things: to create the right atmosphere in the local community so that these new friends from overseas will feel that there are Christians in America, and to obtain between two and three thousand sponsors who will help new families.* We shall send you more details as soon as we know the government regulations.

With warm personal greetings, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) Gaither
Gaither P. Warfield
Director

**If you are interested in these items, why not write directly to Dr. Gaither P. Warfield, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York — Ed.*

Selections From

"MUSIC TO OUR EARS"

Missouri Leads

Mrs. Clarence A. Speer, Secretary of the new Board of World Peace of the Missouri Annual Conference, was the first person to send in a subscription to the METHODIST PEACE COURIER. In fact, she sent in subscriptions for nine, namely, all of the members of the Conference Board, requesting that a bill be sent her for the entire amount.

The second subscription came from *Rev. Roger Angus Barnett* of First Methodist Church, Clinton, Massachusetts, "Please enter my subscription for the METHODIST PEACE COURIER. Enclosed is my check for $1.00. The COURIER is certainly worth more."

"Dear Sirs: Congratulations on the COURIER; it is just what is needed. Could you spare 200 copies for publicity for my congregation for an observance of U.N. Sunday, October 25? If you cannot send the above amount, send what you can. Will make a bundle order later. Sincerely, *Rev. Herbert C. Brubaker,* 2536 Riverside, Trenton, Michigan."

From an Inter-Conference Camp of 47 high school youth: an interracial group representing the Detroit and Lexington Conferences gave their offering in the form of a check for $62.00 for the work of the Board of World Peace. This Camp was led by *Rev. James Bristah,* pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Detroit.

"Please enter my subscription to METHODIST PEACE COURIER," hurriedly writes *Rev. Curtis W. Smith,* pastor at Henniker, New Hampshire — a quantity — fourteen copies — all to be mailed to his address. "Send me also one dozen copies of 'The Methodist Church and War and Peace.' I am enclosing a check for $8.65 in payment."

The first order received following the World Order Day mailing came from *Rev. Glenn Bush,* Pierce, Colorado: "Send fifty copies of 'Crusading for World Peace in the Local Church' (free)."

Thanks to many others of you who have done likewise and who have sent congratulations. Thanks to the churches of the deep South which have sent in so many large orders for materials.

DISTRICT PEACE SECRETARIES

Why District Peace Secretaries? Because experience has shown that Conference Boards and their chairmen, while absolutely essential, cannot with limited funds and time be sufficiently close to local churches to stir the grass roots. It will mark an advance, we are convinced, to have a month-by-month program cleared through District Secretaries of World Peace, with an auxiliary relation to Conference Boards and Committees on World Peace.

Does this hold true for all Districts? Obviously no. There are *districts* much too large to so function. In such cases, "district" secretaries could work on a sub-district basis. In extreme cases, as in an annual conference such as the Montana Conference, a "peace secretary" could be named for each of the important centers around which groups of pastors and churches can work.

What can District Secretaries do? It is obvious that they will be pastors or laymen or women already carrying responsibility -- persons with limited time. District Secretaries can help to:

(1) Co-ordinate the efforts of those organizations now at work, through a District (or sub-district) Committee on World Peace; say, a minister or several, the district secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society, district secretary of world missions, district secretary of education where they exist, the district "World Outreach" chairman of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, a layman to represent the district lay activities organization, etc. -- perhaps several at large known to be deeply interested and competent.

(2) Disseminate more widely and effectively the meaning of world peace than heretofore. Announcements of important events, programs, materials can be made monthly or in the case of some district preachers' meetings even weekly. The regular district meetings called by the District Superintendent often would provide a brief period at least for essential presentation.

(3) Send the names and addresses of local church chairmen of World Peace and World Order Committees to the general Board of World Peace at Chicago in order that information, materials, and a coordinated effort can be made throughout The Methodist Church.

(4) Secure subscription to the METHODIST PEACE COURIER in every local church committee. The COURIER increasingly will carry recommendations monthly to the local churches.

(5) The District Secretary and the Committee can coordinate important and strategic legislative action, in order that Christian influences increasingly may breathe into the policies and actions of our government and of the United Nations.

(6) *District Secretaries will become a must as the total church becomes engaged in the Crusade for World Order.*

SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDY

(To be ordered from Board of World Peace)

China and the World, by Tillman Durdin and Robert A. Smith. The authors of this Foreign Policy Association pamphlet are on the staff of The New York Times and have had much experience in the Far East. Here is a good source of reliable information on recent developments in both China and Formosa. 35¢ each.

The Emergence of Modern Egypt, by John S. Badeau and Richard H. Nolte. A clear and accurate story of recent events in an awakening nation by two writers who are thoroughly familiar with Egypt and the Middle East. One of the Headline Series publications of the Foreign Policy Association. 1953. 35¢.

United Nations—Action for Peace (1953), by Marie and Louis Zocca. A well-organized and illustrated layman's guide to the United Nations and the specialized agencies. Rutgers University Press. 35¢.

How to Make Friends for the U.S., by Vera M. Dean with a brief Canadian article by J. Bartlet Brebner. Some light on what Americans can do to improve the picture our friends and enemies have of us. One of the Headline Series publications of the Foreign Policy Association. 1952. 35¢.

Strengthening Our Foreign Policy. A Public Affairs Pamphlet which discusses various proposals for certain changes in our structure and procedures. Based on the report by a study group of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. 1952. 25¢.

RECOMMENDED FILMSTRIPS

Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A thorough review of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations. Suitable for discussions on human rights in general and as they are protected or denied in local communities. 15 minutes.

Structure for Peace. A factual presentation of the organization and work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies. A good introduction to an accurate understanding of what the U.N. really is and does. 20 minutes.

A Sacred Trust. The composition and functions of the United Nations Trusteeship Council with some concrete examples of its work. Shows how the U.N. is seeking to aid dependent peoples toward economic development and self-government. 15 minutes.

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BOOKS THAT ARE VITAL

(Order from Methodist Publishing House)

The Gospel According to Luke, by Dr. Ernest Frem Tittle, late renowned pastor of First Methodist Chur Evanston, Illinois. Harpers Brothers. $3.75.

A book of exposition and applications by one Methodism's greatest thinkers and preachers. Conci brief, brilliant. Dr. Halford Luccock of Yale, who wr the foreword, states "a beautiful economy of words."

Religion and Economic Responsibility, by Dr. Walter Muelder, Dean of the School of Theology of Boston U versity. Scribners. $3.50.

This is a book for which the church has been wa ing a long while. Dips into some of the most diffic national and international problems of our times comes up with challenging analyses and lines of acti growing out of Christian faith and ethic.

Beyond the High Himalayas, by Justice William O. Dou las, Doubleday. $5.00.

The story of a courageous and understanding sp who faithfully reports life in central Asia, significant thought and for American policy and leadership.

CHURCH AND PEACE CONFERENCE

A Conference on the Church and Peace will mee the Central Methodist Church in Detroit from Decembe to 10. The historic peace churches, in cooperation the Fellowship of Reconciliation and several unoffi denominational peace fellowships, are sponsoring Conference to consider some of the questions which arise at the meeting of the World Council of Churches Evanston in August 1954. Persons interested in secu more information on this Conference may address Church Peace Mission, 513 West 166th Street, New Y 32, New York.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

We suggest that many of the readers of the COURI will find it helpful to keep their copies in a loosel folder or notebook. Samples of essential peace pamphl may be kept in a pocket in this notebook, which can se as a workbook for the local, district, or conference pea program.

HARVEST MEDITATION

To the reaper He is Law,
Not transmuting harvests
once the crop has grown.
But to sowers He is Love,
Offering choice of seed
Before it is sown.

Franklin Zahn
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